

The Avalanche.

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EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Interesting News Compilation.

XLVIII Congress.

TUESDAY, July 1.—In the Senate bills were passed to provide for a branch of the Soldiers' Home west of the Mississippi for the relief of soldiers improperly discharged and to grant a pension of fifty dollars per month to the widow of General James B. Stedman. It was agreed to refer to the Committee on Finance resolutions appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of soldiers improperly discharged and for an investigation into the condition of the banks in New York. The River and Harbor bill was passed by a vote of 75 to 25. The bill was passed by a vote of 75 to 25. The bill was passed by a vote of 75 to 25.

West and South.

At Huntington, W. Va., ten farm business houses were destroyed by fire a few mornings ago. The other day Walter Terrell, aged twenty, residing at Baltimore, committed suicide because of a rejection by a young lady to whom he had been engaged for one year.

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